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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I was sitting here listening to this debate and...and listening to all the hypothetical things that could happen and it came to me that I'm sure there is such a thing as a Good Samaritan Act. Now, I'll use the situation, and I'm...I'm driving down to Lincoln and I see a lady stranded along side of the road, her car not working, and I stop to render some help. And I notice that this lady is having labor pains and is in desperate need of some attention. So I thought, my gosh, you know, I've got to help this lady, so I make a call and no one is available to come out and help her and, oh man, we've got to get this lady to a hospital. So I load her in my car and I take out for the hospital here in Lincoln. On the way I'm speeding, I'm going way too fast and I miss a curve and unfortunately we roll the car and...and the lady is...is injured and eventually loses the child. Now I...to me, this...I was negligent. I was speeding. There was a cop behind me coming, clocking me and he knew I was speeding. Would one of the legal minds in this body please help me decipher whether this is a criminal act over and above the Good Samaritan Act. Would I...I'm sure that any prosecutor would not file it, but it could happen. Senator Don Pederson here or, let's see, who...I need to ask a lawyer. Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, you're a fine lawyer. I need...did you hear what I...the hypothetical situation that I was talking about?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I'd heard it your calling me a lawyer would have erased it, but I didn't hear it the first time. I'm trained in the law, but I'm not a lawyer.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right.

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SENATOR JANSSEN: Should I go through the hypothetical situation...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Briefly.